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KNUCKLE. *n. s.* [knucle, Saxon; *knockle*, Dutch.]  
 1. The joints of the fingers protuberant when the fingers close.  
 Thus often at the Temple-flairs we've seen  
 Two titons, of a rough athletick mien,  
 Sourly dispute some quarrel of the flood,  
 With *knuckles* bruis'd, and face befear'd in blood. *Garth.*  
 2. The knee joint of a calf.  
 We find also that Scotch skink, which is a pottage of strong nourishment, is made with the knees and finews of beef, but long boiled: jelly also, which they used for a restorative, is chiefly made of *knuckles* of veal. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*  
 3. The articulation or joint of a plant.  
 Divers herbs have joints or *knuckles*, as it were stops in their germination; as gillyflowers, pinks, fennel, and corn. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
 To KNU'CKLE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To submit: I suppose from an odd custom of striking the under side of the table with the *knuckles*, in confession of an argumental defeat.  
 KNU'CKLED. *adj.* [from *knuckle*.] Jointed.  
 The reed or cane is a watry plant, and groweth not but in

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the water: it hath these properties, that it is hollow, and it is *knuckled* both stalk and root; that, being dry, it is more hard and fragile than other wood; that it putteth forth no boughs, though many stalks out of one root. *Bacon's Nat. History.*  
 KNUFF. *n. s.* [perhaps corrupted from *knave*, or the same with *knuff*.] A lout. An old word preferred in a rhyme of prediction.  
 The country *knuff*, Hob, Dick, and Hick,  
 With clubs and clouted shoon,  
 Shall fill up Duffendale  
 With slaughtered bodies soon. *Hayward.*  
 KNUR. } *n. s.* [knur, German.] A knot; a hard sub-  
 KNURLE. } stance.  
 The stony nodules found lodged in the strata, are called by the workmen *knurs* and knots. *Woodward's Mat. East.*  
 Koned for *knew*. *Spenser.*  
 To KYD. *v. n.* [corrupted probably from *cuſs*, Saxon.] To know.  
 But ah, unſuff and worthless Colin Clout,  
 That *kydſt* the hidden kinds of many a weed;  
 Yet *kydſt* not one to cure thy fore heart root,  
 Whose rankling wound as yet doth rifele bleed. *Spenser.*



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Cum tabulis animum cenſoris fumet honeſti:  
 Audebit quæcunque parum ſplendoris habebunt,  
 Et fine pondere crunt, et honore indigna ferentur.  
 Verba movere loco; quamvis invita recedant,  
 Et verſentur adhuc intra penetralia Veſtæ:  
 Obſcurata diu populo bonus eruet, atque  
 Proferret in lucem ſpecioſa vocabula rerum,  
 Quæ priſcis memorata Catonibus atque Cethegis,  
 Nunc fitus informis præmit et deſerta vetuſtas. *HOR.*

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